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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 GRAHAM-BINGHAM IRREVOCABLE  
11 TRUST, et al.,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 DONALD TRUDEAU, et al.,

15 Defendants.

16 CASE NO. C12-755RAJ

17 ORDER

18 In its May 23 order permitting counsel for Defendants to withdraw, the court  
19 informed Defendant Greenwich Bay Management, LLC (“Greenwich Bay”) that it would  
20 enter its default if it did not obtain counsel within 30 days. Greenwich Bay has not  
21 obtained counsel, nor has it done anything to indicate that it intends to defend itself in  
22 this action. The court accordingly directs the clerk to ENTER DEFAULT against  
23 Greenwich Bay.

24 As to the remaining Defendant, Donald Trudeau, it appears that he has ceased to  
25 defend his interests in this action as well. Trial is set to begin on July 8. On June 24,  
26 Plaintiffs unilaterally filed what was supposed to be a joint pretrial order. Dkt. # 54. The  
27 second sentence of that submission states as follows: “Because Defendant[s] have not  
28 contacted Plaintiffs, however, despite Plaintiffs[’] efforts to reach Defendants, this  
document was prepared by Plaintiffs alone.” Plaintiffs reveal nothing more about the  
extent of their efforts to contact Mr. Trudeau, the results of those efforts, or whether Mr.

1 Trudeau has done anything since his counsel withdrew to signal that he intends to  
2 participate in this litigation. Plaintiffs have also not proposed any method of bringing  
3 this case to a conclusion, other than to unilaterally file pretrial documents.

4 Trial will not occur on July 8. Mr. Trudeau seems unlikely to appear at trial, and  
5 Plaintiffs have not explained how they propose to go to trial against an empty chair. In  
6 any event, the court is in the midst of a lengthy criminal trial that will extend well beyond  
7 July 8.

8 The court accordingly VACATES the trial date and all other pending pretrial  
9 deadlines.

10 The court's intent is to rule on the pending summary judgment motions, which are  
11 fully briefed. Typically, the court assigns a high priority to summary judgment motions  
12 in cases with impending trial dates. In cases where trial is not looming, the court assigns  
13 a lower priority. The pending motions now fall into this latter category.

14 Dated this 27th day of June, 2013.

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18 The Honorable Richard A. Jones  
19 United States District Court Judge  
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